GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINERAL EXPLORATION IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the company-wise details of the areas of forest land in hectare allowed for extraction of minerals in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the period for which the above companies have been allowed giving the date of start and end of the mineral extraction work;

(c) the number of the cases pending for approval so far;

(d) whether the extraction work is going on at the prescribed place; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Mining Leases are granted by the concerned State Governments under Section 10(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. Only those minerals for which prior approval of the Central Government is needed for grant of mining lease as specified under the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act are sent by the respective State Governments for Central Government`s approval. Therefore, data on company wise lease area with break-up of forest land is not maintained centrally in the Ministry of Mines.

(c): 29 proposals of Mining Lease and 3 proposals of Prospecting Licence relating to State Government of Madhya Pradesh are pending with the Central Government for prior approval in respect of minerals specified under the First Schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

(d) & (e): As per information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) , a subordinate office of the Ministry of Mines, mining activity is concentrated in Katni, Satna, Balaghat, Chhatarpur, Jhabua, Jabalpur, Chhindwara, Shahdol, Bhadwani and Umaria districts of Madhya Pradesh. In all 339 mines have reported production in 2003-2004.